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内容概要

这是一个唯有战争与野蛮的忠诚的时代，还是一个令人惊叹的秩序井然的社会？

国王们的沉浮缘何如此迅速？

异教与耶稣基督的较量，谁将最终获胜？

罗马帝国崩溃后的盎格鲁-撒克逊时代是英国历史的十字路口，是英格兰社会发生全方位剧烈变革的时代。

本书从政治、经济、宗教、文化、律法等各方面对约6个世纪的盎格鲁-撒克逊时代进行了翔实而透彻的剖析，展现了盎格鲁-撒克逊人富有创造性的成就及对未来英国发展的影响。

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England in the early eighth century was a more sophisticated place than it had been in the early seventh. A united English kingdom was still far away, but the English were now starting to become aware of themselves as an ethnic and cultural unity. Bede may have felt this more keenly than anyone: it is easy to forget how significant is the very title of his greatest work, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. It was because he saw the common destiny of his race fulfilled in the united English Church that he could think of an 'English people'. But are there any signs that secular government was also becoming more comprehensive?

This is a hard question to answer, not least because there are more sources. On the one hand, institutions and concepts which show the strong side of eighth-century kingship may not be new, but merely recorded for the first time. On the other hand, the dynastic turmoil which shows its weak side may not be new either: it is likely that Bede and his contemporaries glossed over such matters. This at least can be said: the eighth-century Mercian kings wielded as much military power as earlier over-kings; and they lived in a world of greater literacy and legality, of more firmly entrenched rights, which made their power more stable and more capable of development.

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